THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh have appointed M/s. RITES, New Delhi as consultant for preparation of Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for Light Rail Transport System for Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Telecast of film on Jaiprakash Narayan

311. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prominent journalists have protested against Doordarshan for not telecasting a film on Jayprakash Narayan;

(b) whether the telefilm has been screened by the Experts Committee, if not, what is the reason and why was the permission not granted and at what level;

(c) which are the other telefilms rejected in the last two months by Doordarshan and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) News item to this effect was published in a section of the Press.

(b) The film was neither a telefilm nor a programme commissioned for production by Doordarshan. It was a film offered to Doordarshan for telecast. The film was previewed by Doordarshan as per usual practice and not found suitable for telecast for technical reasons.

(c) No telefilm has been rejected by Doordarshan in the last two months.

Sub-titles in English for Hindi Films

312. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan propose to provide subtitles in English for the Hindi Films shown on T.V. to facilitate the Non-Hindi viewers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sub-titling Hindi feature films in English will benefit only a limited section of English knowing viewers among those who do not understand Hindi. Moreover, the process of subtitling a film is very expensive and cumbersome and needs a lot of professional efforts and experience.

Workers' participation in Management

313. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) when was the scheme of workers' participation in management announced; and

(b) what are the names of the public undertakings which have implemented the scheme up to the Board of Directors' level and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The latest Scheme of Workers' Participation in Management was notified by the Ministry of Labour on 30th December, 1983.

(b) According to available information no Central Public Sector Enterprise has implemented the scheme at the Board of Directors' level.

Production by Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

314. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant is likely to start production;

(b) whether the setting up of Steel Plant is proceeding according to schedule; and

(c) what would be the order of investment needed for keeping up the schedule of the Steel Plant in the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Based on the latest schedule the first stage of the Vozag Steel Plant is planned to be commissioned during the current year.

(c) The requirement of funds for the year 1989-90 are estimated at Rs. 1170 crores.

Upgradation of Doordarshan Studios in Andhra Pradesh

315. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendra Studios likely to be upgraded in Andhra Pradesh in the next two years;

(b) the area and population likely to be covered by these upgraded Doordarshan Studios;

(c) how many Low Power Transmitters are proposed to be set up during the next two years in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) how much area and population would be covered by Doordarshan in Andhra Pradesh by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) Whereas the full-fledged TV Studio Centre equipped for operation in colour (in replacement of the existing interim set up) is being established at Hyderabad the VII Plan of Doordarshan envisages establishment of another TV studio centre at Vijayawada a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter each at Anantapur and Tirupati (in replacement of the existing low power transmitters), four low power TV transmitters, one each at Adilabad, Khammam, Ramagundam and Srikakulam and a TV transposer each at Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. All these projects (except the TV studio centre at Vijayawada) are expected to be commissioned into service during the next two years. TV service is then expected to be available to about 66 per cent area and 77 per cent population of Andhra Pradesh.

Survey in regard to drug abuse

316. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cities have been identified for surveying the extent of drug abuse in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;